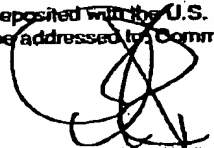


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DECLARATION

We, David J. Yang, Chun-Wei Liu, Dongfang Yu and E. Edmond Kim, hereby declare as follows:

1. We are joint inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the referenced patent application.
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3. We are submitting this declaration to set forth evidence demonstrating that the authors of the foregoing articles that were not named as inventors did not, in fact, make an inventive contribution to the subject invention.

4. With respect to the first above-mentioned Yang *et al.* abstract, the authors that were not named as inventors were S. Ilgan, S. Zakko, J. Boulfelfel, H. Shamsi, L. W. Tansey, F. Zare and D. A. Podoloff. None of these individuals made an inventive contribution to the subject matter of the claims. S. Ilgan conducted animal imaging and autoradiographic studies. S. Zakko involved in interpreting animal data prior to human use. J. Boulfelfel, a physicist, involved in dosimetry calculation. H Shamsi assists in radiochemistry formulation. L. W. Tansey carried out chromatographic analysis of labeled agents. F. Zare assisted in animal biodistribution studies. D. A. Podoloff assisted arrangement of equipment needs. Each of these individuals operated under the direction of one or more the inventors with respect to the studies that that individual carried out and did not contribute conceptually to the subject matter of the invention.

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